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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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 Docket No. : P21432 )  
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 Customer No. : 7055 )  
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 I.A. Filed : January 22, 2001 )  
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 Title : MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING )  
 AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT )  
 FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, )  
 SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT )

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 29, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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 Customer Window, Mail Stop *Amendment*  
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated June 29, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.

*Please do not enter this amendment.  
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